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In re Application)	
Strong Chuang et al.)	Examiner: Unknown
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Serial No.: 09/577,461)	Group Art Unit: Unknown
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Confirmation No.: 5495)	
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Filed: May 24, 2000)	Dept. Acct. No.: 04-1403
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Title: Tissue Impulse Drying)	

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**AFFIDAVIT OF TIMOTHY A. CASSIDY
IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.47**

I, Timothy A. Cassidy, swear and state as follows:

1. I am currently a Patent Attorney with the Law Firm of Dority & Manning, P.A. My registration number is 38,024. I prepared and filed the above-captioned application.
2. It is believed that Strong Chuang has displayed conduct which either constitutes a refusal to sign or is unavailable to sign the application papers for the patent application entitled "Tissue Impulse Drying" having an Official Serial Number 09/577,461.
3. Attempts were made to contact Mr. Chuang.
4. Included as Appendix A are a letter and Federal Express Receipt that were sent to Mr. Chuang. The letter is dated May 9, 2002 and was sent via Federal Express. As stated in the letter, the letter was accompanied by a copy of the

application, a combined declaration for patent application and power of attorney, and an assignment of the invention to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. For his convenience, also enclosed was a return Federal Express envelope. A second attempt was made on May 28, 2002 (see attached), wherein a copy of the same documents were sent via first-class mail. All of our attempts to contact Mr. Chuang in order to have him sign an oath or declaration, however, have gone unanswered.

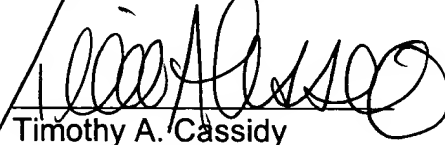
5. As stated on the enclosed letter, the last known address for Mr. Chuang is 915 Cambridge Court, Appleton, Wisconsin 54915.
6. The Assignee of the above-captioned application, the Kimberly-Clark Corporation, was consulted and their records (via the Pension Department) also indicate that the above is the last known address of Mr. Chuang.
7. After repeated unsuccessful attempts in contacting Mr. Chuang at his last known address, inquiries were made to Mr. Chuang's co-workers at the Kimberly-Clark Corporation in an attempt to locate Mr. Chuang. In this regard, Mr. Greg Croft of the Kimberly-Clark Corporation informed me in an E-mail message dated July 18, 2002 that Mr. Chuang is currently battling cancer and has returned to his home country of Taiwan. Another one of Mr. Chuang's co-worker, Sheng-Hsin Hu provided one of the attorneys in our office, Jason W. Johnston, the last known E-mail address of Mr. Chuang, i.e., "schuang@new.rr.com". Mr. Johnston from our law firm sent an E-mail message to Mr. Chuang on July 3, 2002 requesting a fax number or mailing address so that we could forward documents to Mr. Chuang for signature relating to various patents that have

been filed in his name. To date, no reply has been received.

8. All of our attempts to contact Mr. Chuang, whether in the United States or in Taiwan, have been unsuccessful.
9. It is respectfully submitted that a bona fide attempt has been made to present a copy of the application papers including the specification, claims, drawings, and oath or declaration to Mr. Chuang and that Mr. Chuang is either unavailable or refusing to sign.

Should any questions arise with respect to this petition, the undersigned can be reached at 864-271-1592.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Reg. No. 38,024

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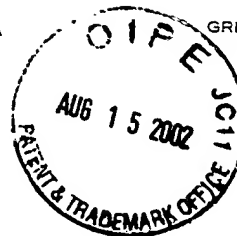
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RE: U.S. Patent Application entitled: "Tissue Impulse Drying"
USSN: 09/577,461
Filed: May 24, 2000
K-C Attorney: Gregory E. Croft
K-C Reference No.: 14661
Our File: KCX-157

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Dear Mr. Chuang:

Enclosed for your records is a copy of the above-captioned application as filed. Also, enclosed for your execution is an Assignment of the application to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. along with \$1.00 as stated in the Assignment and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney with respect to the above-captioned application.

Please review the documents carefully to ensure that all of the information is accurate and correct, then sign and date where indicated. All other listed inventors have been provided with their own set of documents to sign.

Once executed, please return the Assignment and Declaration to us as soon as possible in the enclosed return envelope.

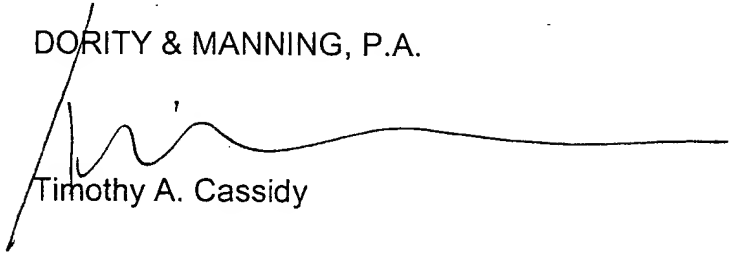
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Mr. Strong Chuang
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Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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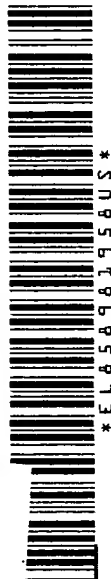
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